
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6253

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE ICE OR SNOW FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE.

SUMMARY:

The law sets a \$75 fine for a motorist who fails to remove accumulated snow or ice from a motor vehicle so that it does not pose a danger to people or property when the vehicle is being driven. The bill makes this violation an infraction. An infraction is not a crime, and violators can pay the fine by mail. The fine remains \$75.

The law and the bill apply to both commercial (e.g., large trucks) and noncommercial motor vehicles. The law requiring noncommercial motor vehicles to remove snow and ice is already in effect; the law applying to commercial motor vehicles takes effect December 31, 2013.

The bill does not change the payment procedure, and thus still requires a court appearance, for violations that cause personal injury or damage. By law, these violations are punishable by (1) a \$200 to \$1,000 fine if committed by non-commercial motor vehicle operators and (2) starting December 31, 2013, a \$500 to \$1,250 fine if committed by commercial motor vehicle operators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 6387, favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee, allows fines to be paid by mail for failure to remove snow or ice from a motor vehicle when no personal or property damage results.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2013)